

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-11 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 are canceled, and new claims 12 and 13 are added. Therefore, claims 3-7 and 10-13 are presented for consideration.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 2, 4, 10, and 11.

Claims 1, 3, and 5-9 are rejected as anticipated by ADAMS 5,108,313.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested because the reference does not disclose or suggest a connector body having plural contact spaces therein. In addition, the reference fails to suggest that the two contacts are arranged one on top of another and the plural contact spaces are arranged one on top of another as recited in new claim 12. The above-noted features are similar to what was previously cited in allowed claim 2.

ADAMS discloses a single contact space wherein each of the contacts of ADAMS are arranged within this single contact space.

Claims 3-7, 10 and 11 depend from claim 12 and further define the invention and are also believed patentable over ADAMS.

New claim 13 provides that there are at least two contacts arranged one on top of another and attached to a respective wafer. Claim 13 also provides that the connector body is provided with plural contact spaces arranged one on top of another. The above noted limitations are similar to the limitations indicated as allowable with respect to original claim 2. As set forth above, ADAMS teaches a single contact space, not plural contact spaces arranged one on top of another.

Accordingly, new claims 12 and 13 are believed to avoid the rejection under §102 and are believed patentable over the art of record.

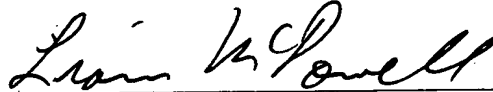
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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